



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Appl. No. : 10/541,774 Confirmation No. 1671  
Applicant : Pierre Barberis et al.  
Filed : July 7, 2005  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A ZIRCONIUM ALLOY  
SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCT FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF AN ELONGATED PRODUCT AND USE THEREOF  
TC/A.U. : 1793  
Examiner : Mark L. Shevin  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.